Centrally sponsored schemes for urban development in J & K

2351. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally sponsored Schemes for the development of urban areas/cities in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the details of financial assistance given by Government for the purpose during the last three years;

(c) the achievement made during this period;

(d) if no achievement has been the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government propose to extend assistance to the destroyed towns of Rajouri, Poonch, Nowshera, Thanna-mandi and Darhal in Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT) has assisted 9 towns /cities of Jammu and Kashmir State since 1979-80.

Under the Centrally sponsored Scheme of Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP), projects of 4 towns, namely Qazigund, Billawar, Bijbehara and Samba were approved since 1994.

Under Centrally sponsored Scheme of Low Cost Sanitation for Liberation of Scavangers provides for conversion of existing dry latrines into low cost water seal pour flush latrines and construction of new sanitary units., 7 projects have been sanctioned.

(b) to (d) Three towns have been assisted under IDSMT Scheme during last three years (1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002), as per details given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Name of Town	Central Assistance	Expenditure during 1999-2002
1999-2000	Soporc	38.24	32.05
2000-2001	Jammu	145.00	46.00
2001-2002	Annantnag	75.00	

Under the AUWSP Scheme, Central assistance amounting to Rs. 183.90 lakhs was released to the Government of Jammu & Kashmir during 1999-2000. No funds could be released during 2000-01 and 2001-2002 due to non-submission of utilization Certificate in the prescribed format by the State Government. Out of 4 schemes approved so far, only one scheme *viz.* Qazigund town has been reprotcdly commissioned. Quarterly Progress Report has not been received after 6/2001. As such the latest progress is not available.

Under the Low Cost Sanitation Schemes, upto 31.3.2002, 7 schemes were sanctioned and 27 towns were covered. 16927 number of units were sanctioned for construction.

(e) For coverage of towns of Rajouri, Poonch, Nowshcra, Thanna-Mandi and Darhal under the IDSMT Scheme, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir need to include these towns in the Priority List and submit project reports to this Ministry as per revised IDSMT Guidclincs-1995.

As per AUWSP guidelines, out of Rajouri, Poonch, Nowshcra,. Thana-Mandi and Darhal towns, all except Darhal town are eligible for inclusion under AUWSP. Only such eligible towns which are recommended by State Level Selection Committee (SLSC) can be

considered for approval subject to tcchno-ceonomic feasibility and availability of funds under the programme. Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of Rajouri, Poonch, Nowshcra and Thana-Mandi towns have so far not been received in this Ministry.

Scheme for rejuvenation of culturally and historically significant cities

2352. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cities developed/to be developed under the scheme for rejuvenation of culturally and historically significant cities;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka has forwarded any proposal under the said scheme; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) A Centrally sponsored Scheme is being drawn up for "Rajuvenation of Culturally Significant Cities" for implementation during the Tenth Five Year Plan. The scheme is yet to be approved by the Planning Commission. The details of the Scheme will be available only after the Planning Commission approves the Scheme. As regards the selection of cities and amount allocated to each city from different States is concerned, it would be decided in consultation with the State Governments, after the sceme is finalised in consultation with the Planning Commission. No proposal has been received from the Government of Karnataka in this regard.